

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 311063  
ORIGIN ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 PM-03 DODE-00 NEA-07 INR-05  
/040 R

DRAFTED BY ARA/CEN:DFIGGINS:CFN

APPROVED BY ARA:SASHELTON

ARA/RPP-PM:LTCSMQUIGG (DRAFT)

ACDA:LWATSON (DRAFT)

PM/SAS:RTITUS (DRAFT)

DOD/ISA:LJANKA (SUBSTANCE)

NEA/IAI:AHOUUGHTON (DRAFT)

ARA/CEN:WMATTHEWS (DRAFT)

USOAS:RFILLING (INFO)

ARA:RGARELLANO

-----046748 010012Z /66

R 310105Z DEC 77

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY MANAGUA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

S E C R E T STATE 311063

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, PINT, OAS, HON, ES, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI AIRCRAFT SALES TO HONDURAS

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 5746, (B) 76 TEGUCIGALPA 3116,

(C) STATE 295623 (NOTAL), (D) STATE 290037 (NOTAL),

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 311063

(E) STATE 280090 (NOTAL)

1. SECRETARY HAS APPROVED AND PM DIRECTOR GELB HAS  
INFORMED ISRAELIS OF 'NO OBJECTION' TO GOI TRANSFER TO  
HONDURAS OF TWO MORE SUPER MYSTERES WITH US ENGINES, IN  
ADDITION TO EIGHT TRANSFERRED IN 1976 AND TWO TRANS-  
FERRED PER GOI REQUEST OF JULY 1977. IN PROVIDING THIS

INFORMATION TO ISRAELIS (REFTEL E) GELB NOTED THAT OUR APPROVAL OF THESE TWO ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A PRECEDENT, THAT US DID NOT WANT TO BE SEEN TO

BE ENCOURAGING ARMS RACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AND THAT APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND RECEIPT OF RETRANSFER ASSURANCES FROM HONDURAS. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, "NO OBJECTION" OPTION CHOSEN BY SECRETARY WAS SUPPORTED BY TWO STATE BUREAUS AND OPPOSED BY ONE STATE BUREAU AND ACDA.

2. DEPT NOTES THAT, IN ADDITION TO PARM INTER-AGENCY GROUP PREFERENCE FOR NON-MILITARY "INCENTIVES" FOR PROPER GOVERNMENT HUMAN RIGHTS CONDUCT (REFTEL D, PARA 5), THAT THIRD GOAL OF AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (REFTEL C) IS 'RESOLUTION OF BORDER DISPUTE WITH EL SALVADOR' AND SECOND OBJECTIVE UNDER FOURTH GOAL, "ENCOURAGEMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION' IS TO 'DISCOURAGE HONDURAN ARMS ACQUISITION AT THE EXPENSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.'

3. DEPT APPRECIATES EMBASSY EVALUATIONS CONTAINED IN REFTELS A AND B. FURTHER DEPT CONSIDERATION OF EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL A WOULD BE ASSISTED BY EMBASSY UPDATE OF LISTING OF OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT FROM

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 311063

REFTEL B IF CHANGES HAVE OCCURRED. DEPT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY VERIFICATION OR REFINEMENT OF AIRCRAFT TYPES LISTED IN MEMORANDUM TITLED "AIR ORDER OF BATTLE - CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO" DATED NOVEMBER 1, 1977 WHICH WILL BE POUCHEDECEMBER 30.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD, AS APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS MAY PRESENT THEMSELVES, INFORMALLY DISCOURAGE GOVT OF HONDURAS' CONSIDERATION OF MORE SUPER MYSTERE PURCHASES. CHRISTOPHER

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** AIRCRAFT, SALES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 31-Dec-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decapton Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Decapton Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE311063  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** DFIGGINS:CFN  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780004-0968  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t1977121/aaaaaaaid.tel  
**Line Count:** 103  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 7dde20fb-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN ARA  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Reference:** 77 TEGUCIGALPA 5746, 76 TEGUCIGALPA 3116, 77 STATE 295623, 77 STATE 290037  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 31-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 100681  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ISRAELI AIRCRAFT SALES TO HONDURAS  
**TAGS:** PBOR, PINT, HO, ES, IS, OAS  
**To:** TEGUCIGALPA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/7dde20fb-c188-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009